Introduction of Pension Scheme in Coal Industry

*66. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to introduce a pension scheme for the workers in the coal industry; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Coal India Limited is working on a retirement benefit scheme for its employees.

Guidelines for the Allotment of 'Industrial Growth Centres' in the States

*67. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of 'Industrial Growth Centres' to be developed/developed in the country, State-wise with the names of the districts;

(b) what are the guidelines to the State for allotment of these Centres to the entreprenuers/industrialists;

(c) what expenditure is likely to be incurred on these Centres, State-wise;

(d) what is the difference between Central Subsidies Scheme for backward areas of the States and the new scheme of Industrial Growth Centres; and

(e) whether the earlier Central Subsidies Scheme has been disbanded or superseded by the present Scheme; if disbanded, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Government have decided to set up 100 growth centres throughout the country over the next five years or so. The Growth Centres designed to act as magnets for attracting industries to backward areas, would be endowed with infrastructural facilities at par with the best available in the country. In the first phase, it has been decided to take up 61 Growth Centres. The State-wise allocation of Growth Centres is as follows:—

State	No. of growth centres
1. Andhra Pradesh	4
2. Assam	2
3. Bihar	5
4. Gujarat	2
5. Haryana	2
6. Jammu & Kashmir	2
7. Karnataka	3
8. Kerala	2
9. Madhya Pradesh	5
10. Maharashtra	4
11. Orissa	2
12. Punjab	2
13. Rajasthan	4
14. Tamil Nadu	3
15. Uttar Pradesh	6
16. West Bengal	3
17. Arunachal Pradesh	1
18. Goa	1
19. Himachal Pradesh	1
20. Manipur	1
21. Meghalaya	1
22. Mizoram	1
23. Nagaland	1
24. Pondicherry	1
25. Tripura	1
Total:-	61

(b) The broad criteria for selection of growth centres would be that they shall not be within 50 Kms from the boundary of the 7 cities with a population above 25 lakhs; 30 Kms from the boundary of the 2 cities with a population of above 15 lakhs but below 25 laksh and 15 Kms from the boundary of the 12 cities with a population of 7.5 lakhs but below 15 lakhs. They shall be located close to